



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: August 26, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral To: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee
Subject: **2003 Alley Retaining Wall Restoration Program, Special Improvement of Existing Alleys FS03#2 (3600 15th Avenue South) Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

1. Passage of a resolution ordering the City Engineer to proceed with the work and adopting the special assessments for the 2003 alley retaining wall restoration program Special Improvement of Existing Alley Retaining Wall No. FS03#2. The work encompassed within Improvement Project FS03#2 is scheduled for completion during the 2003 construction season.
2. Passage of a Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation to issue and sell assessment bonds in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2003 Alley Retaining Wall Restoration Program, Special Improvement of Existing Alley Retaining Wall No. FS03#2, with the bonds to be paid for from special assessments.

Previous Directives:

Designation Resolution 2003R-341, setting the Public Hearing, passed July 25, 2003.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Jeffrey A. Johnson, P.E., Field Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☐ no financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): Special assessment against benefited properties.
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

The alley retaining wall, owned by the City near 3621 15th Ave. S. has failed. This occurred due to a combination of old age, the recent excessive precipitation, and a low speed impact by a vehicle. A nearby garage was damaged when the wall failed. It is the intent of the homeowner to construct a new garage this fall, once the retaining wall is replaced.

The proposed improvement is estimated to cost \$40,000. Under the City's Alley Retaining Wall Replacement Program, the City will cover 75% of the project costs with 25% being assessed against the benefited properties. Based on the \$40,000 estimated project cost, the City's share is \$30,000 with the balance of \$10,000 being assessed against the benefited properties. There are approximately 28 benefited properties.

The assessment will be based on area expressed in square footage of the benefited property. The assessment rate is determined by dividing the total portion of the project that is being assessed (\$10,000) by the total assessable square footage (136,490-sq. ft.). This gives us an assessment rate of \$.073 per sq. ft. for Project FS03#2. The assessment for a typical 50-foot by 110-foot lot would be \$401.50. Individual assessments of more than \$150 would be collected over five years beginning on the 2005 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the same rate as assessment bonds are sold. Information has been provided through notices as to how persons may prepay the special assessment in full without interest charges if they so choose. A neighborhood meeting organized by Council Member Schiff's office was held on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

Capital funds have been appropriated for this work and are located in Fund 4100, Agency 937, and Org 9372.

Attachment 1 – Map



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cc: Council Member Schiff, Ward 9
Jack Qvale, Secretary, Board of Estimate and Taxation

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